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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: K. Feggins  
KOROMO SHIROTA ET AL. )  
: Group Art Unit: 2861  
Application No.: 09/677,867 )  
: Filed: October 3, 2000 )  
: For: INK JET HEAD SUBSTRATE )  
: HAVING HEAT GENERATING )  
: RESISTOR AND INK JET HEAD )  
: AND RECORDING METHOD )  
: USING SAME ) May 29, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RECEIVED****MAR 02 2004****Technology Center 2800**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to continued examination, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) having been filed on August 21, 2002, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows. The claim amendments are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2. The remarks begin at page 8.